A LION-HUNT

Man-killer.

By DR. J. H. PORTER.

long ago lion-hunting among the Atlas was mysterious and preternatural. and at their base lay mined monuments of that mits clothed with somber forests, or steep great and ancient day when this land was slopes grown thick in underwood and brake. quered, her granary; those far-extending soli- dried dates, unleavened bread, and cold serves from which she obtained wild beasts to discovered what his companions contempacify a fierce populace clamoring for "bread | plated doing; found out that they intended to

silence is in those passes formerly thronged voke a charge. add that environment of mystery and imagi- blasts,

events may have been Von Moltke's denial dreadful menaces be made while enjoying that campaigns against Arabs made good their agonies. Men, too, descended when in officers, there is no doubt of this country safe places, compelled by the power of his having been a fine school for sportsmen. Not gaze. In short, everything about this animal Mountairs was, as it is now in Old Gaetulia. Talking thus extravagantly, though with further south, more picturesque and fuller of entire good faith, these adventurers rode varied interest than the chase could be any- into the lower gorges where a network of where else. Everything contributed to make ravines ran among dark but richly-tinted it so. Vast and impoing hights, among which escarpments, pinnacled peaks, rounded sum-

Rome's rival; these desolate fields, once con- When they halted as the sun got high, to eat Forests have grown where cities stood, fight deliberately; draw up in the way Gerard and Gen. Danmas describe, and pro-

with Numidian traffic-trains, and the lion | These gallant though unskillful barbarilords it through regions which stirred with ans knew nothing about strategy, entertained the endeavor and bustle of peoples who have no other idea than to do as their fathers had passed away. His personality in tradition done before them. But fortunately this French world to me at 10 o'clock, toward the conand folk-lore, his position, with reference to comrade was no novice in such enterprises; fluence of the Tennessee and Elk Rivers, not thoughts or feelings belonging to every-lay therefore, on the strength of carrying a life, dominates every other individuality, be double rifle, and having won fame for it that of beast or man. Lord paramount, prowess, he persuaded his associates to some indeed, was the lien among these wandering improved manuvers-placed matters on triles. Where men counted their herds they a footing that admitted human intellect to apportioned his tithe, and said "This part some share in what was about to take place, friend, a — for foe. In case of foe I had will the Seigneur take," and if at any time and raised their endeavors above those which resistance were made, it was with sentiments Kaffirs or Congo negroes would have made the escape of the rest, with the dispatch, even besitting contention against the power of a under similar circumstances. As the day if I had to be that man captured, or by more than human foe. No fancy which fear drew on there came a change of weather like strategy the capture of the enemy's picket. suggested but was believed. No mental im- that which o'ten occurs during Autumn. A But the night wore on without incident, pression that courage, ferocity, and daring damp stormy wind blew in from the Westcould make upon barbarians failed of its ern Ocean, condensing vapors darkened on effect or ceased to exert an enduring in- the hights her and there mist vails shut in fluence. This was the place where to the eng or alp; while the mountain silence gave sunrise, and we halted. splendid realities of lion-hunting one might place to many-cadenced tumult of eddying

cluded dell, toiled up a rough, tortuous



HE LOOKED ALOFT, AND SAW HIS FOES' POSITION TO BE UNASSAILABLE.

antique of style and appearance as that dim | Two men, however, he sent round to climb

faithfully preserved. the most merciful, it shall be as my friend No one doubted that the lion would accept was committed to thy care; therefore, let his coming was to a different purpose than service be given willingly. Thus is it might have been the case if these hunters Noured, rendering aid to my guest, lest he guns will kill at short range if they are go alone and perish, so that dishonor would pointed straight, and men shooting down rest upon us forever." Thus spoke the Sheik, from rocks must have better chances than if sitting amidst that oldest of parliaments, an standing fast in an open. These consideraassembly of free warriors whose will was tions at length dawned on the minds of all, law. Thus after long parley Victor Beauvais and they waited in a new-born hope of congot his wish, strengthening the chief's quering their enemy and putting an end to friendly sentiments and assuring himself of his tyranny. He was the grave of a thouready companions, with those gifts which sand oxen, said the Sheik; man, weman, among Orientals are invariable accompani- and child had bled under his fangs. Despite

mounted that beautiful mare, the pride and noble-looking and fearless animal. He beboast of his tribe, whose legendary pedigree longed to a species in which boldness is went back without break or flaw to the characteristic. white horses of the sun. A clump of pic- Events occurred as had been anticipated. turesque outlaws slung long muskets by But few missiles had fallen before the slumtasseled cords, and swung themselves into bering lion awoke in wrath; then stalked into their shovel-backed saddles. Then off they view, with sweeping mane, superbly menacwent with shout and boast, prancing, caracol- ing. He looked aloft, and saw his foes' posi-

Arab fashion. big head " were poured forth during their fore been maintained, and turning towards ride. One narrator exaggerated his size into them, his flashing eyes did not see what they gigantic proportions; another enlarged his were accustomed to behold-a compact body extent of shirking; but the lion of Bar-i- before. These enemies were now arrayed in being in those parts, and his veritable deeds Nevertheless, the place has yet to be found were such as to set Oriental imaginations on where a lion, if he stands at all, will bear fire. There was enough of fact, indeed, much bullying. His limit of forbearance about what was told to excite anybody, and is soon reached, be those dangers impending when evening faded on those hights where what they may.

Mehndi, and his consin, Abou Said-robbers embodiment of desperate rage, of incarnated both-who while prowling by night sud-destructiveness, rushing amidst a swirl of denly heard a sound as of the sea when it dust, flying shingle, and the scattered spray moans in caverns on its shore? At which of rent foliage. A straggling, ill-aimed Abou, being quickwitted, leaped for a tree, whence he saw his slower companion torn to hail pattering around. His form gleamed pieces. Hadji Kerine also, (a worthy man an instant over one of the rocks, and a man notwithstanding that he hal made the was swept away like a withered leaf. Another pilgrimage,) beheld from an overhanging he dragged down by his floating burnous and ledge the terrible conflict in which this lion struck dead. A third fell from fright or of Noured killed another nearly as large, accident, to be instantly bitten through the and took his consort away. Truly it had be-

and departed from those who would have withstood his frenzy, straighway betaking himself to the place which destiny had ap- Did Not Want to See Gen. Wheeler as Much pointed for a tomb. None know what happened on this night; but a search-party found the logs and stones scattered abroad; they also found certain fragments of Ras Menoul; What was it?" moreover, the lion, being indignant, came A Grand Campaign Against a down and killed Sidi Mohammed's black bull, which the Frank Commandant bad presented on account of meritorious conduct.

Stories were told concerning the cruelty of this beast's murders, and of how people when surprised must have perished from However true or entirely ju-tified by future fright-succumbed, to the horror of those

tudes, now as then untouched by man, the pre- kous-kasson, Beauvais for the first time

nation which gave actual occurrences an ideal | The party hobbled their horses in a se-

Dwell upon the following scenes; consider gulch, and finally stood before the lion's These events in the fullness of their meaning, stronghold-an irregular shelf backed by and try to picture facts as they actually precipices. Steep, rough slopes stretched occurred. A red smaset streamed over the upward to that terrace now reached, similar black tents of a small Ouled Cassi camp, an acclivities separated it from the lair, and it Arab douar, standing at the moath of a rock- was strewn with bowlders-many of great walled and wooded pass, beyond which the size-that had fallen off the cliffs above. Sahara stretched away, vast and lonely as an Beauvais, with much reasoning, disposed his ocean. In manners, speech and costume, in friends on top of these fragments, where they all their belongings, its occupants were men remained in at least comparative security.

old Eastern world whose early features they the precipice and throw down stones, which act it was supposed would fully rouse an "In the name of God the most element, animal so little backward at taking offense. wishes. The stranger who is with thee, he their challenge; nor did so befall, although written, and I will seek the lion of Bar-i- had been left to themselves. Even Arab gun all the enormities attributed to him, how-Next day at earliest dawn Sheik Ibrahim ever, this lion of Bar-i-Noured was a most

ing and dashing about at the start in true tion to be unassailable. Immediately, however, vells and execrations from those Tales galore of this "Seigneur with the beneath broke that silence which had heretofears. Nobody was afraid, or, at least, to the of adversaries like those he had scattered Noured had become a semi-supernatural an unusual order, and he was confused.

his lair lay surrounded by heaped-up rocks | In the midst of Arab revilings to which and thickest bracken, whoever heard that came responses in fierce growls and snarls, mighty voice-Arabs have but one word for Beauvais tried a shot at long range. This thunder and the lion's roar-knew that an only slightly wounded the lion's flank; but adversary approached against whom no force it put an end to every trace of caution or doubt Did not each tribesman know Yusef, son of beast swept downward like an avalanche—an

fallen times out of mention, as guards with- Here and there the lion raged, flitting in a douar saw him stalking in the moon- from place to place like some grim specterlight around their pickets, that they feared as evasive and impossible to fix. Yet these worn possess a peculiar interest for many to fire; for he had hurled himself over such Arabs were brave; they reloaded and fired persons. To most of his personal property, berns, but Baraum, who had performed the barriers more than once, regardless of not ineffectually, if without fatal results. from the pen with which a Monarch or Presi- same acrobatic feat, just giving me time to

insolence and inordinate pride. His mind savage warrior that his race was run. There period, is the chair in which Abraham Linwas as that of a woman who has been preferred, and it was written that his destiny should mental processes from man's sight; yet now struck by Booth. It is still in excellent conversed with their chief men, and finally

HE GOT AWAY.

Then as Now.

"So they tell me you remember something about Gen. Wheeler in the civil war, Major.

"Yes, I do," answered Maj. Page, "and while he and Gen. Forrest would have been pleased to see me if they had known I was there, yet at that time and under the circumstances I excused myself from such a distinguished honor; but I am going to see Gen. Wheeler be ore I leave the city and apologize for my absence when the roll was called that afternoon on the 25th of September, 1864, in northern Alabama.

"You see, it was like this: Wheeler had crossed the Tennessee River as an advance of Forrest and was threatening the railroad between Decatur and Elk River. Gen. Rousseau had marched from Pulaski, Tenn., with a sufficient force to intercept him. One very dark night an important dispatch came to our post-Suiphur Branch Trestle, Ala.-for Gen. Rousseau, who was supposed to be between the Tennessee and Elk Rivers, west of us. It must be delivered at once. Col. Lathrop, commanding the post, sent for me. Mr. Page,' he said, 'I have selected you as the bearer of this message. Take as many men as you like and a guide. When will

you be ready?' "'I am ready now, Colonel,' I answered, and eight men will do.' He handed me the dispatch, saying: 'Wi atever happens, do not let this fall into the enemy's hands,' and I rode out into inky darkness and an unknown knowing by whom I might be halted, friend or foe, for both were in my front somewhere.

"We were in the saidle all night, our ears strained for a sound, our eyes for the gleam of a camplire or bivouac, a countersign for other than in a gorge my horse lost his footing on some slippery shelving rocks and fell, almost crushing my foot. Daylight came;

"The road we were about to cross was beaten down by the hoo's of a large column of cavalry. I advanced a scout, who soon returned, reporting that they were Union troops and but a very short distance ahead. I pushed on and soon over ook the command, now halted. Riding up to the frent I delivered the dispatch to Gen. Rousseau. After carefully reading it he asked: 'Where have you been?' I told him, briefly, for we had been that night on his front, flank and rear, from near the Tennessee, across Elk River, fording it twice.

". Didn't see anything of the enemy?"

"Who s your guide?"

"This man,' said I, pointing to a young

" D- smart nigger,' he remarked. " Any orders or instructions, General."

" None; you can go.' And remounting, we rode on, passed his videts, and without incident or alarm reached the post. "We thought the danger over, but a few days later, Sept. 24, a heavy cannonading

to our south convinced us of the error. Communications were also cut off. Capt. Randall and myself, with a small squad of mounted infantry, were sent to ascertain the

"We found Athens, Ala., in the hands of the enemy and the railroad torn up. Under cover of trees and on foot, we approached near enough to see the square swarming with graycoats. Early on the morning of the 25th their advance drove in our pickets, and as their lines tightened and inclosed us on all sides we realized the odds against us: Eight thousand men and 16 pieces of artillery; we with 800 men and two pieces of artillery, an odds of almost 10 to 1. But there was never a thought of surrender,-I did not know what the word meant, - and we returned their heavy fire determinedly.

"I had command of one piece of artillery, the only one opposed to Morton's batterythe crack battery of their Western army, I was told. How true their aim was you may know, for they hit our piece once on the his own, and said: 'I'm ready; go on.' under lip of the muzzle, chipping off half an inch or so of metal, demolishing the spongebucket and striking the axle, but not with sufficient force to break it or disable the gun. We kept up our fire. Often their ballsthrough the embrasure, almost grazing the below.

"After the battle was over I went out and and around the embrasure. That was fine work for any set of artillerists! But we were so busily engaged returning these compliments as to be obtivious to all other surroundings. Their fire had slackened or ceased. which we interpreted meant that they had enough, until an Orderly came and notified us to cease firing, as the enemy had displayed a flag of truce. That was the last gun fired from that fort, and by my orders. After giving orders to replenish the limber-chest, and surveying the damage our angle had sustained, I looked around that slaughter pen.

"For our small force it had been a carniof Colonel's quarters, -our Colonel's lifeless in and listened. A council of war was being held. Gen. Forrest had sent in his

CURIOUS THINGS.



A LINCOLN CHAIR.

Things which great folks have used or mental processes from man's sight; yet now be unpropitious. In an evil hour this unfortunate shot a panther, whereupon he was visited with madness, and desired to hunt "him with the big head" without assistance. So, being deaf and blind by reason of his infirmity, this lost one dug a pit by the infirmity, this lost one dug a pit by the infirmity, this lost one dug a pit by the infirmity, this lost one dug a pit by the infirmity with the arrow overing it with heavy logs, and also stones set in beaten earth, imagining that it would make him secure; moreover, there were places to fire through. Having accomplished these things, he boasted greatly, accomplished these things, he boasted greatly, and also stones are the places to fire through. Having accomplished these things, he boasted greatly, and it was seen one of those magnificent if unreal mimickries of heroic fortitude that the death death hour of a lion alone can show. Safe on their condition. It is handsomely upholstered in the fashion of the period, and is of dark wood, gracefully fashioned. The great Lincoln line that the death hour of a lion alone can show. Safe on their condition. It is handsomely upholstered in the fashion of the period, and is of dark wood, gracefully fashioned. The great Lincoln like the stirring events of Hood's invasion and the story of the stirring events of Hood's invasion and the story of the stirring events of Hood's invasion and the story of the stirring events of Hood's invasion and the story of the stirring events of Hood's invasion and the story of the stirring events of Hood's invasion and the story of the story of the story of the story of the stirring events of Hood's invasion and the story of the story of the stirring events of Hood's invasion and the story of the s

Gov. Roosevelt's Speech at the New York So'd ers' Home, velt had an enthusiastic reception by the 14,000 veterans, and in his speech to them "Fellow-comrades: There is no distinc-

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ultimatum. I heard it read: An immediate tail as well, growing slender in a gradual surrender-all to be treated as prisoners of and regular manner, is absolutely devoid war-the officers to retain their side-arms, of venom. but if he had to carry the place by assault, he would not be responsible for the acts of his men. This was signed N. B. Forrest.

"I waited and heard the decision-to surrender. Capt. Randall, now our senior officer, came out. I begged him to go on with the fight; we still had some ammunition and were ready. "'That is the trouble,' he said; 'the sup-

that it is deemed inexpedient to renew the battle.' "Lieut, Barnum came up. 'Barnum,' said I, 'they have decided to surrender.'

"Well? "Well, I'll never be taken prisoner. Will you go with me?' "'Where? The place is entirely surrounded, answered Barnum. 'I see no

chance for escape.' " 'That makes no difference. If you will go with me, say so; if not, I shall go alone; age & Harness Mtg. Co. publish an extended there is not a moment to lose.'

"Lieut. Barnum was an Ohio boy, like myself. He stood for a moment, and then stooping down, took the revolver and belt from Col. Lathrop's body, buckeled it around "We passed the Adjutant's office, where

all my worldly goods were; on to our mess- 4. The indications so far are that a very house, from which we took a few rusks in small club will get one. our pockets; climbed the ramparts, descended they fired many solid shot-would whistle the non-combatants in the deep valley

"A spring bubbled up a few rods to the counted 26 distinct holes outside our lunet Toward this we leisurely sauntered as for a drink, and not to attract attention or arouse suspicion regarding our real intention. A wooded hill rose steeply up on the north side of the creek; a narrow valley intervened. We crossed the creek, carelessly approached the edge of the woods, argus-eyed, and as we reached a certain point I hissed, 'Barnum, this way, quick!' and disappeared." "In the woods?"

"Oh, no; the trees were too scattering to find a secure hiding place. Months before one dark night, there was an alarm on a picket-post near this point, and as I was in val of death; and now, standing at the door sortie, as was my custom, I ran down alone the Adjutant's office, and enjoyed a night and ahead of the Sergeaut and detail. body lay on the ground nearby,-I looked Challenged, I gave the countersign and inquired the cause of the alarm. The sentinel stated that an object had been seen moving among the trees on the hillside, and not halting when ordered, he fired.

"I took agun, climbed the hill alone to the top, and descending in a circuitous route found nothing, - only, as I came down, shelving rocks, down which I clambered, and more as I descended farther, until the sound of falling water fell on my ear.

"I listened; it seemed below and beneath the surface. At the risk of my neck I must investigate. In the open space the starlight shimmered through, and I could see a hole, apparently the size of a man's body, in which was a miniature cascade. I could hear the water fall from one rocky projection to another, and finally make a short plunge and seem to flow away. "I returned the gun to the guard, passed

on to the fort, and never told a soul of my find; and what is more, I never visited it again. But the words, 'Surrender, prisoner!' fell on at \$1, postpaid, would be ADVANCED TO \$2. my being so terribly that they awakened an echo-Escape, hole, freedom, and thrilled me with the sense of the honor of such a tunity to still serve my country and avoid a bump of locality proved equal to the occa-sion. I did not miss the hole an inch, as we sprang into the woods, although skirting the woods were more or less bushes. Down I slid over the slippery, watery rocks, throwing their spray about me toward Pluto's domain, and landed on a rocky floor. Another instant and I had company, not Pluto nor yet Cer-

APPRECIATION OF THE VETERANS.

In his recent visit to the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Bath. N. Y., Gov. Roose-

tion or glory which has come to me or which I may ever hope to win which I shall prize one-half as much as having the right to call you comrades. I should think but little of any American citizen who did not feel his heart warm and his face kindle when he sees you-as he realizes what you have done, and what your presence here means. But though every American citizen must, or at least ought to, realize that, it must be realized in a peculiar fashion by those who have themselves fought, even though in a very small war compared with yours. You fought for years and we only for months. There are many of you present here in the hall who saw literally a hundred battles, while in the Spanish war we saw only one. But, after all, it is the spirit and the purpose that count; it is the fact of a man being willing to do all that in him lies, for the country, for the flag and for the cause for which he is willing to shed his blood; and I saw in the Regular Army and in the volunteer service in the Spanish war men do deeds of quiet heroism, men losing their lives with entire indifference to aught excepting the country's honor, in a way that showed they were fit to be the sons and heirs of the men who showed their devotion through the four long weary years from

Enemies of the Rattler.

whole." (Applause.)

1861 to 1865, that the flag which had been rent in sunder might once more be made

New York Press. The two greatest enemies of the rattlesnake are the blacksnake and the hog. The rattlesnake is slow and sluggish in movement, while the blacksnake is intensely rapid. The latter will circle around his foe and with a sudden dart grasp the venomous reptile by the neck, so that it has no chance to use its poisonous fangs, and quickly squeeze it to death. A hog, especially if fat, suffers no danger from the rattlesnake. He will march boldly up to the coiled reptile, allow himself to be struck in his jowls once, twice or three times, as the case may be, and will then calmly proceed to swallow the reptile without concern. The reason for the hog's immunity is due to the fact that the blood vessels are so minute and infrequent on his cheeks, where fat is predominant, that they fail to take up the poison and carry it through the porcine system. Hogs have been used in droves to clear some of the islands of the southern seas of poisonous reptiles,

and have proved successful. By remembering two simple facts any one can distinguish a poisonous serpent | from a harmless one. The venomous repile invariably possesses a triangu larly-shaped head and a blunt nose while his tail is correspondingly blunt and stubby. Any snake that tapers smoothly from the middle of its body to the tip of its nose and to the tip of his

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Written for The National Tribune. IT SEEMS STRANGE.

[The following lines were suggested by occurrences connected with the Presi

dent's recent Southern trip. 1 It strikes me as peculiar,

And yet it may be right, That the Nation now should honor The men she had to fight To keep 'em true an' loyal, And wouldn't let 'em go

And start another Nation. Though they fought her like a foe.

It seems a little curious To a plain, old-fashioned man

That one who fights for country, And does the best he can To keep her flag a flyin' And her institutions bright,

Should see his country's laurels

Wreathin' them he had to fight. I wonder if we'll have ter Quit a-readin' out aloud The thrillin' words of Lincoln. Of whom we've been so proud. You know, he called 'em "rebels,"

But now that word won't do, For it might hurt the feelin's

Of loyal men an' true,

It sets my brain a-whirlin'. And I can't understand Just what is all the meanin', When the head of this great land Shall wear upon his bosom The emblem of the foe Who tried to down this country

Some thirty years ago. The day we claim for mem'ry

And strewin' springtime flowers O'er these who fought for country Is no longer to be ours; But those who fought gainst country, With valiant heart and strong, Must have an equal tribute

Of roses, speech, and song. And then they say that Congress-At least that's what I've heard-Must put them rebel fellers (Beg pardon for the word)

Upon the roll of pensions, The same as those who formed Their country's line-of-battle When their country's life was stormed. It may be I am foolish.

But then it really seems To be so queer and strange like-Like what we see in dreams-That the men we once called rebels, And we fought so hard for years

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